



# Beaver County Emergency Services

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### BVPS CONDUCTS HOSTILE ACTION DRILL



Members of the Beaver County Emergency Services Unit, the county's SWAT team, arrive at the Incident Command Post.

In late January, Beaver Valley Power Station conducted a Hostile Action Drill. The drill was part of an ongoing pilot program developed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to assess the ability of the utility Emergency Response Organization and off-site agencies to coordinate and respond to potential external threats. The drill incorporated the concept of the Incident Command System (ICS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Consistent with the NIMS program, an Incident Command Post (ICP) was established for the drill. The Pennsylvania State Police took charge of the ICP, located at the Beaver Valley Training Center, following a hand off from the Shippingport Borough Police Department. Other agencies supporting the ICP included Beaver County Emergency Services Unit, Beaver County Sheriff's Office, Industry Police, Midland Police, local volunteer fire departments, Allegheny County Ordinance Disposal, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Civil Air Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, as well as state emergency management agencies from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The Region 13 Task Force also participated.

#### SPRING, 2009

- *BVPS Hostile Action Drill*
- *Citizen's Police Academy*
- *EMS & Fire Services Updates*
- *School Violence Exercises*
- *BCESC News & Notes*
- *Events Calendar*

"The folks from Region 13 were able to integrate the communications systems for all the emergency agencies participating in the drill," said Carlos Contreras of the Beaver Valley Emergency Response Organization. "This meant all these agencies had the ability to talk to one another during the exercise."

Observing the non-evaluated exercise were representatives from the NRC, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency Director Robert French.

"I want to thank everyone who participated in [this] drill," said Beaver Valley Emergency Response Manager Greg Cramer. "The purpose of these drills is to improve interactions among the site and our offsite agencies and to learn and to grow as a team, so we're ready to respond if an event were to occur. While we met all of our overall drill objectives, we will identify opportunities for improvement from the drill critique and Condition Reports."

Adapted From FENOC Online

## **Beaver / Vanport Area Police Department Announces Citizen's Police Academy Classes To Begin September 14th**

### ***What is the Citizen's Police Academy?***

The Citizen's Police Academy (CPA) is an informative, ten-week classroom series that gives an inside look at the Beaver/Vanport Area Police operations, while discussing the principles of community policing. The purpose of the class is to promote a greater awareness and better understanding of local law enforcement's continuously changing role in the community.

It is the belief of The Beaver/Vanport Area Police Department that education is most effective in gaining understanding and support from the community. The Citizen's Police Academy offers insight into how Police Officers perform their duties and how the department serves the community.

### ***Mission of the Academy***

The purpose of the Citizen's Police Academy is to foster better communication between citizens and Police through education. The academy will create a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess greater insight into Police practices and services. Graduates of the Academy can share their knowledge and experiences with the community as the opportunity arises. Everyone benefits from enhancing citizen understanding of the role and function of his or her Police Department.

### ***Course Description***

Presented in a friendly, casual environment, the class covers a wide variety of subject areas including Police communications, criminal law and procedures (laws of arrest), street crime enforcement/investigations, field identification, youth programs, and more. Graduates will receive a certificate of completion.

Instruction consists of one 3-hour class held each week, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., for a duration of ten weeks. The instruction is comprehensive, covering a different area of Police work each week. Certified Police Officers, Supervisors, and Civilian instructors with particular expertise will conduct each topic.

### ***Requirements of Participation***

- Minimum 18 years of age.
- No felony convictions.
- No misdemeanor convictions within one year of application.
- Applicants must agree to criminal background check (no charge).

\*Citizen's Police Academy is not intended to make the participant a Police Officer, nor does acceptance of application guarantee a placement in the class.

## **Citizen's Police Academy, cont.**

The Citizen's Police Academy was established in 2007, and the 5th class is currently underway and scheduled to graduate on April 20th. Classes are held twice a year, with the next session to start in the fall of 2009.

To apply, see the application in this newsletter, or pick up a hardcopy application Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Beaver Police Department or at the Vanport Township Building.

***CLASSES WILL START:***

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

***CLASS SIZE LIMITED – APPLY NOW!***

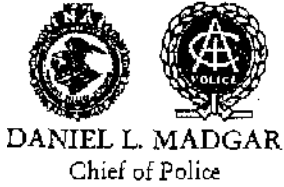
Please mail completed applications to: Chief Daniel Madgar, Coordinator  
Citizen's Police Academy  
Beaver / Vanport  
469 Third Street  
Beaver, PA 15009

You may also FAX the application to: 724-773-6716

Questions? Please contact Chief Daniel Madgar, Citizen's Police Academy Coordinator at 724-773-6709 or [email: dlmbpd@yahoo.com](mailto:dlmbpd@yahoo.com)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THE CITIZEN'S  
POLICE ACADEMY**

# Department of Police



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## **CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Community Group Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to attend the Citizen's Police Academy? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the C.P.A.? \_\_\_\_\_

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List two references:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you require any special assistance to attend the Citizen's Police Academy? Please explain:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the Beaver/Vanport Area Police Department to conduct a background investigation to obtain any information relating to my criminal history record for the purpose of making a determination of eligibility for the Citizen's Police Academy. I also understand I can only take this program one time, and if I decide to volunteer, I can be removed from ALL activities if removed from one.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## EMS UPDATES

By Eric Brewer

Because of everyone's busy schedules, I have only scheduled three dates for **Beaver County EMS meetings** for the 2009 year: **April 9, August 6, and November 5.** All meetings will be held at 10 am at the Beaver County Emergency Services center. I hope everyone has a safe 2009, and hope to see you at the meetings. **MMRS Meetings** are scheduled for **March 12 and May 14** at Allegheny County Emergency Services at 1 pm.

**EMSOF dates for participating services:** Copies of invoices must be submitted to EMSI no later than **February 27, 2009**, and cancelled checks must be submitted to EMSI no later than **May 29, 2009.**

There is an upcoming **Emergency Responder Forum** sponsored by Representative Jim Marshall's office on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** from 10 am to noon at the Beaver County Emergency Services Hazmat Response Garage on Route 51 by Brady's Run Park; refreshments are included.

Beaver County has recently completed a **Multiple Injury Plan**, formerly the mass casualty plan. The plan is shorter and in an easier form for our 911 center to work with. Recommended checklists with hospitals to notify and whom should be called are in the plan and will be easily accessed when a field unit activates the plan. In the near future, we will get to put the plan into play hopefully with a table-top exercise, then at some point a small scale exercise.

Effective January 1, 2009, Emergency Departments may notify EMS that they are on "**Treatment Delay Advisory**" when they are functioning at or above capacity. The term indicates that the patient may experience a delay in obtaining further evaluation or treatment by the Emergency Department. The patient (and EMS) may use this information in determining the most appropriate destination for obtaining the required care. It is not intended to indicate that the patient may not be transported to that hospital. This advisory expires after 4 (four) hours unless renewed. In the past, a color system was used to determine Emergency Department status, the color system has been replaced with either "Treatment Delay Advisory" or "Black".

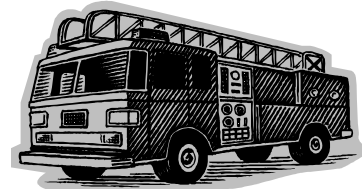
*Eric Brewer, Beaver County EMS Coordinator, can be reached at: [ebrewer@beavercountypa.gov](mailto:ebrewer@beavercountypa.gov)*

Changes are coming with the new 911 Center being built including a **new CAD system** which will give us more flexibility with **Fire Dispatch SOP's**. Some of the capabilities include:

- ◇ The ability to divide your response area into zones
- ◇ Request specific units only from stations, such as tankers and ladders
- ◇ A "rip and run" report that will be at the station before you get there to take with you
- ◇ Messages sent automatically to your alpha pagers, cell phones and email accounts
- ◇ Up to 5 alarms pre-planned per response type
- ◇ Tracking of units out of service and automatic fill of units in SOP's
- ◇ Reports will be automatically faxed at the termination of the incident
- ◇ Tracking of extrication and search start and end times
- ◇ Tracking of times for every unit
- ◇ Different response according to time of day

## FIRE SERVICES UPDATES

By Dave Trzcianka



I am in the process of **meeting with fire chiefs** to go over the new system. Please email me at [dtrzcianka@beavercountypa.gov](mailto:dtrzcianka@beavercountypa.gov) to set up a date and time. I am available every Wednesday from 7am to 5pm, or I can make arrangements to meet at a time that is more convenient. We need to get this done as soon as possible so the new system is ready prior to the move to the new building.

Also, as a reminder, there are several Fire Departments that have training certificates and other information in their mailboxes here at the 911 center. Please stop by when you're in the area and **check your mailbox.**



## SCHOOL VIOLENCE TABLETOPS IN FULL SWING

By Kevin Joy

On January 13th and February 25th, Beaver County Emergency Services continued their school violence intervention program. In January at Ambridge High School, and at Big Beaver Elementary in February, Emergency Services sponsored table-top exercises along with school administrators, staff, transportation officials, and local public safety officials as well as other county agencies. The purpose of these exercises is two-fold. First, they offer an opportunity for Emergency Responders to get to know school officials before an actual event occurs. Second, exercises allow the individuals involved to share what they foresee as their role during a crisis episode in a school. On January 13th, 25 people participated, and 22 participated on February 25th. Everyone was very enthusiastic, took their role seriously and were active participants. Normally during these events, we come away with more questions than answers, but we always feel a little more prepared. Exercises will continue to be scheduled throughout the year, with Geneva College participating on March 17, and Penn State Beaver on April 28. Victor Spinelli is the point of contact for more information school violence and transportation table-top exercises. He can be reached at 724-775-1700.



Emergency responders, school administrators, and other public safety officials participate in a school violence table-top exercise at Ambridge High School.

## NEWS & NOTES

- **Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator quarterly trainings** have been scheduled for the following days in 2009: March 31, May 5, September 1, and October 20. Coordinators may choose to attend one of the two sessions scheduled for each day, 1 - 3 pm or 6 - 8 pm, at the Emergency Services center. The county hopes to offer a variety of topics, with new agenda items at every training, so coordinators and/or their assistants are encouraged to attend each quarter. Please call 724-775-1700 to reserve a seat.
- **Mask fit testing** has been scheduled for the following dates and times at the Hazmat Garage on Route 51: March 19 from noon to 7 pm, March 26 from 9 am to 3 pm, April 23 from 9 am to 3 pm, and April 30 from noon to 7 pm. Law Enforcement personnel, Hazmat Team members, and ESU Team members are asked to contact Victor Spinelli at 724-775-1700 or 724-891-3828 to schedule a fit test session or for more information, and remember to bring your mask for the test.
- The **2009 SARA Title III Seminar** was held at the Emergency Services center on February 5th. Sponsored by the county's Local Emergency Planning Committee, the seminar offered the county's chemical facility representatives information on EPCRA (Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act) regulations and updates, with a focus on the Federal support and enforcement role from Michelle Price-Fay of the EPA's Region III. Other speakers included the Beaver County Board of Commissioners, and William Malia from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency's Western Area office. Approximately 30 facilities were represented between the two sessions, with a total of nearly 50 attendees for the day.
- On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania unveiled a new, toll-free line, **1-888-9-READYPA** (1-888-973-2397), as part of ReadyPA, a public outreach campaign to educate citizens about the importance of creating emergency kits and family emergency plans. Downloadable materials, including home and car emergency kit checklists and emergency plan templates, are available at [www.ReadyPA.org](http://www.ReadyPA.org) and now through 1-888-9-READYPA. ReadyPA is a statewide campaign aimed at motivating Pennsylvanians to take action to prepare for a disaster. The campaign is supported by PEMA, Pennsylvania Citizen Corps, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and volunteer organizations. It seeks to coordinate a cohesive statewide program and a call to action regarding emergency preparedness.
- Beaver County's **American Messaging Paging** sales representative has discontinued her visits to the county. For service issues, including pager replacements, please access your paging account online or contact customer service at 888-223-4123. For sales or account issues, Mary Rosenberg can be reached at 330-215-2294.



## MARCH 2009

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- **3rd:** BVPS Quarterly Meetings
- **4th:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **5th:** Annual Weather Exercise
- **8th:** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- **11th:** LEPC Meeting, 2:30 pm
- **11th:** Fire Association Meeting, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **12th:** Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association Meeting, 7:30 pm
- **15th:** United Valley REACT Meeting, 6 pm
- **17th:** Geneva College Tabletop Exercise, 10 am, Geneva College
- **18th:** Chiefs of Police Meeting, Noon, Jeffries Landing
- **18th:** Hazmat Refresher Training for Law Enforcement, 1 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **18th:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **19th:** Mask Fit Testing, Noon - 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **20th:** First Day of Spring
- **21st:** Emergency Responder Forum, 10 am - Noon, Hazmat Garage
- **25th:** Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- **26th:** Mask Fit Testing, 9 am - 3 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **26th:** Skywarn Class, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **1st:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **8th:** Fire Association Meeting, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **9th:** EMS Providers Meeting, 10 am
- **10th:** Good Friday, County Offices Closed
- **12th:** Easter Sunday
- **15th:** Chiefs of Police Meeting, Noon, Jeffries Landing
- **15th:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **18th:** Hazmat Team Makeup Training, 9 am, Hazmat Garage
- **19th:** United Valley REACT Meeting, 6 pm
- **22nd:** Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- **23rd:** Mask Fit Testing, 9 am - 3 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **28th:** Penn State Beaver Table-Top, 1 pm, Penn State Beaver
- **30th:** Mask Fit Testing, Noon - 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **6th:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **7th:** Beaver Valley Amateur Radio Association Meeting, 7:30 pm
- **9th:** Hazmat Workshop, 9 am, Butler County Community College
- **13th:** LEPC Meeting, 2:30 pm
- **13th:** Fire Association Meeting, 7 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **13 - 14th:** PEMA Quarterly Training, Allegheny County
- **17th:** United Valley REACT Meeting, 6 pm
- **20th:** Chiefs of Police Meeting, Noon, Jeffries Landing
- **20th:** Hazmat Team Training, 6:30 pm, Hazmat Garage
- **23rd:** Hazmat Team Makeup Training, 9 am, Hazmat Garage
- **25th:** Memorial Day, County Offices Closed
- **27th:** Public Safety Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm

ALL EVENTS LOCATED AT THE BEAVER COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES CENTER, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED



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The BCESC is a division of Beaver County government, under the authority of the Beaver County Board of Commissioners. The BCESC manages the county's 9-1-1 dispatch operations center and also serves as the county's Emergency Management office, working under the direction of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) on emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response, and recovery. The BCESC is also the home of the county's Hazmat Team 700, the Public Safety Commission, the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), and is the contact point for many other public safety organizations, including EMS, Fire, Police, and Municipal EMA services.

The BCESC works in conjunction with a number of county and offsite agencies to provide comprehensive public safety guidance and emergency support to the residents and businesses of Beaver County.

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